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1. On 10 December 1953, Polish SS BALTYK, 6,983 GRT, and SSFRYDERYK CHOPIN, 8,024 GRT, were berthed on the south side of the French quay in Gdynia and took on iron tubes and sheet piles. On 11 December 1953, Polish SS NARWIK, 7,065 GRT, tied up to the north side of the French quay.
2. The Swedish quay had a vertical quay wall consisting of driven-in wooden poles and was between 1.7 and 2 meters above mean water. It had a wooden plank floor with two railroad tracks about 5 and 15 meters from the quay edge and was equipped with five traveling luffing cranes, each with about 7.5 tons lifting capacity, and two traveling loading bridges, each between 10 and 12 tons lifting capacity. The Polish foreman said that the coal loaded came from Katowice.
3. [redacted] a Soviet lighter of about 3,000 tdw from Kandalaksha were moored at the Swedish quay.
[redacted]
4. Three or four new buildings, each about 30 by 50 meters, which [redacted] would be used to store fish meal for shipment to the USSR, were under construction between two buildings which obviously were administration buildings, and were located at the Silesian quay. Their walls were up at the time to an average of 2.5 meters.
5. Two trawlers, each about 60 meters long, and a white Polish bark, allegedly a sail school ship, were undergoing repair at the English quay.
6. On 12 December 1953, MS TAGANROG, obviously a recently completed Soviet vessel of between 5,000 and 6,000 GRT, arrived in ballast and proceeded to the inner section of the harbor. [redacted] although Polish tugboats URSUS, about 370 HP, and TITAN, about 600 HP were available, all Soviet vessels were handled by Soviet tugboat CHEKA of about 1,200 HP.
7. On 11 December 1953. Polish submarines [redacted] came in from the sea. [redacted] Four or five small minesweepers which were single stackers with a small mast and had one gun with an estimated caliber of between 20 and 40 mm on deck, were moored behind the pier in the old warship harbor. A bark-rigged sail school ship, which a foreman said was used as an accommodation ship for naval and merchant marine cadets receiving training was moored in the new warship harbor. 2

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1. Comment. The three Polish submarines were previously reported.
2. Comment. Probably the training ship, which was repeatedly observed on training cruises in the central part of the Baltic Sea in 1953. 25X1

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